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HOUSE RESOLUTION 260
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Mike Evans, in observance of Provider Appreciation Day, May 10, 2002, for his laudable service to the children of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pause in their deliberations to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who through their extraordinary volunteer efforts have made a positive difference in the health and well-being of Tennessee's children; and

WHEREAS, Provider Appreciation Day annually honors those individuals who conscientiously and kindheartedly perform the challenging and rewarding task of educating, and caring for, Tennessee's most important asset, our children; and

WHEREAS, Mike Evans is one such remarkable individual, who volunteers his time and resources teaching fire safety to Tennessee's young children; his meritorious service reflects the true spirit of Volunteerism and the characteristics of an outstanding child care provider; and

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WHEREAS, he admirably served as a volunteer fireman in Lynchburg for nearly ten years; due to a change in employment, he was no longer able to attend the volunteer firefighter meetings and withdrew from the fire department; and

WHEREAS, continuing his tradition of exemplary service to the good people of his community, Mr. Evans began teaching fire safety to day care and preschool children in the Moore and Coffee County areas; and

WHEREAS, traveling at least once a year to each day care and preschool in Moore and Coffee Counties, Mike Evans instructs the children in "Stop, Drop, and Roll," the dangers of matches and lighters, and many other fire safety lessons; he also hands out, to the children and their parents, fire safety brochures which he has ordered from the Internet and National Fire Safety; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known by the children as "Mr. Mike," he teaches his young students that, in a fire, firefighters are there to rescue them and, even though their appearance might at first seem scary, not to hide from a firefighter; he has the children try on firefighting gear, and familiarizes them with what a fireman wearing his equipment, including an oxygen tank, would look and sound like; and

WHEREAS, Mike Evan's work with the young children of Tennessee has earned him the respect and admiration of the children, parents, and staff of the day cares and preschools of the Moore and Coffee County areas; and

WHEREAS, in all his volunteer efforts, he has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; his life of service and goodwill stands as a testament to the difference one person can make; and

WHEREAS, in observance of this year's Provider Appreciation Day, which will be held May 10, 2002, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize Mr. Evans for his dedication to educating the young children of this great State in fire safety; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and recognize Mike Evans in celebration of Provider Appreciation Day, May 10, 2002, commend his stalwart commitment to fire safety, express our gratitude for his meritorious service to the young children of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.